

**Middle School Initiative**

**PART I  
COVER SHEET**

**CAP 2 SEMESTER 2 WEEK 1**

**COURSE:** Rickenbacker Leadership Laboratory, Achievement 4

**LESSON TITLE:** Drill and Ceremonies - Guidon Demonstration and Practice

**LENGTH OF LESSON:** 25 Minutes

**METHOD:** Demonstration - Performance

**REFERENCE(S):** AFM 36-2203, *Drill and Ceremonies*, Chapter 5

**AUDIO/VISUAL AIDS/HANDOUTS/ACTIVITY MATERIAL(S):** Four to eight, or more as necessary, eight-foot staffs, one and one-quarter inches in diameter.

**COGNITIVE OBJECTIVE:** N/A

**COGNITIVE SAMPLES OF BEHAVIOR:** N/A

**AFFECTIVE OBJECTIVE:** The objective of this series of lessons is for each cadet to know all of the military drill required of a basic cadet.

**AFFECTIVE SAMPLES OF BEHAVIOR:** Each cadet will willingly learn each of the drill movements and perfect them to required military standards.

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### PART II TEACHING PLAN

#### Introduction

**ATTENTION:** Good Afternoon. Glad to see all of you are here again and ready to learn more military drill.

**MOTIVATION:** Last week, we discussed the various positions and movements of the guidon bearer. Today, you will learn more about this important cadet in the unit.

**OVERVIEW:** During this period, I will demonstrate each of the positions and you are going to practice these positions and movements.

**TRANSITION: FALL IN!**

#### Body

**MP 1** (Note: The instructor will review instruction of the previous week as the demonstration proceeds.)

CAP2S1 - Guidon Movements
Order Guidon
Carry Guidon
Present Guidon
Carry Guidon from Order Guidon
Order Guidon from Carry Guidon
Present Guidon from Carry or Order Guidon
Carry Guidon from Present Guidon
Order Guidon from Present Guidon
Individual Salutes at Order or Carry Guidon

The Guidon. The guidon is carried at ceremonies and on other occasions when prescribed by the commander. The guidon bearer is a specially selected cadet designated by the squadron commander.

Order Guidon. Order guidon is the position of attention. The guidon bearer holds the guidon in a vertical position and keeps the ferrule on the ground beside the right shoe. The guidon bearer holds the staff in the right hand in the “V” formed by the thumb and by the fingers extended and

joined. The right hand and arm are kept behind the staff with the arm bent naturally and the staff resting against the hollow of the shoulder.

Carry Guidon. Carry guidon is the position in which the ferrule is approximately six inches from the ground.

Executing Carry Guidon While at Order Guidon. The guidon bearer grasps the staff with the left hand while at the same time loosening the grip of the right hand on the staff. The guidon is raised vertically with the left hand, letting the staff slide upward through the right hand until the ferrule is approximately six inches from the ground. The guidon bearer then regrasps the staff with the right hand and cuts the left hand away smartly to the left side.

Executing Order Guidon While at Carry Guidon. The guidon bearer lets the staff slide through the right hand until the ferrule is on the ground in line with and touching the toe of the right shoe. The staff is regrasped with the right hand as in carry position.

Facings, alignments, and formal marchings require carry guidon. The guidon bearer keeps the staff in a vertical position throughout the movements and brings it to carry guidon on the preparatory command for the movement.

When marching at route step or at ease, the guidon bearer may hold the guidon in either hand at the carry position.

Parade rest is executed by sliding the hand up the staff and inclining the staff of the guidon forward at arms length with the hand at waist level.

At double time, the guidon bearer holds the guidon diagonally across the body. The guidon bearer grasps the staff with the right hand at the position used at the carry, with the right forearm horizontal and the elbow near the body. The staff is grasped with the left hand opposite the left shoulder.

When executing column movements and turns, the guidon bearer executes the movement on the command of execution and then moves at 45-degree angles to a position in front of the base file.

When the squadron is in column with the squadron commander on the flank, the guidon bearers position is five paces in front of and centered on the front rank of the leading flight.

Executing Present Guidon When at Carry or Order Guidon. To execute present guidon when at carry or order guidon, while marching or at a halt, on the preparatory command **Present** or **Eyes**, the guidon bearer raises the guidon vertically until the right arm is fully extended. At the same time, the left hand is brought smartly across the chest to guide the staff. On the command of execution **ARMS** or **RIGHT**, the guidon bearer lowers the guidon straight to the front with the right arm extended and the staff resting in the pit of the arm, cutting the left hand away smartly to the left side. On the command **RIGHT** of **Eyes**, **RIGHT**, the guidon bearer turns the head and eyes in the same manner prescribed for other individuals in the formation. On the

preparatory command **Ready**, the guidon bearer raises the guidon vertically until the right arm is fully extended. At the same time, the left hand is brought smartly across the chest to guide the staff. On the command of execution **FRONT**, the guidon is returned to the position of carry, and the head and eyes are turned to the front.

**Executing Carry Guidon When at Present Guidon.** On the preparatory command, the guidon bearer raises the staff to the vertical position and, at the same time, brings the left arm smartly across the chest to let the left hand guide the staff. On the command of execution, the guidon bearer loosens the grip of the left hand on the staff and lowers the guidon with the right hand. The left hand is used to steady the staff until the ferrule is approximately six inches from the ground, then the left hand is cut away smartly to the left side.

**Executing Order Guidon When at Present Guidon.** The guidon bearer executes order guidon except, after bringing the guidon to the carry position, the staff is permitted to slide through the right hand. The staff is steadied with the left hand until the guidon is in the position of order guidon, and the left hand is then cut smartly away to the left side.

**Individual Salute by Guidon Bearer When not in Formation.** When at order guidon, the guidon bearer executes the salute with the left hand in a two-count movement. On the first count, the left arm is moved horizontally across the body with forearm and wrist straight and fingers and thumb extended and joined with palm down. The first joint of the forefinger touches the staff. On the second count, the left hand is cut smartly away to the side. The salute at carry guidon is executed in the same manner except the ferrule is approximately six inches from the ground.

**MP 2** The instructor will divide the unit into elements for practice. Each element will be issued an eight-foot staff to practice with. Each cadet will be given the opportunity to practice for a few minutes and then pass the staff to another cadet. The number of cadets practicing at any one time is dependent on the number of staffs available.

## **Conclusion**

**SUMMARY:** Today, I have demonstrated the positions and movements of the guidon bearer and you have taken some time to do a little practice.

**REMOTIVATION:** Each of you has had some time to get acquainted with an eight-foot staff that is about the same size and weight of a regular guidon staff. What you did not have is the spear and the pennant/guidon at the top of the staff for extra weight. On windy days, generally a stronger cadet will be selected to the guidon bearer. Are you capable?

**CLOSURE: FALL OUT!**

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**PART III  
LESSON REVIEW**

**LESSON OBJECTIVE(S):** The objective of this lesson was for each cadet to learn the positions and movements of the guidon bearer and practice same for a short period.

**LESSON QUESTIONS:** None